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WASHINGTON -- Today, Congressman Olver announced that a modification plan submitted to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development has been approved.

"I am elated that the DOL worked so expeditiously to approve the modification plan, which will help Beloit employees retrain for new jobs in the region."

"Although the economy is strong, forces such as corporate downsizing and consolidations are creating a need for retraining services."

"The planned closure at Beloit pulping in Dalton has been devastating to Berkshire County. The DOL is pleased to be able to help the affected employees."

The DOL awarded a grant of \$2.7 million to the Massachusetts Department of Labor and Workforce Development to help pay for the retraining services.

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